

CONGRATULATING REBA WARREN ON HER RETIREMENT AND RECORD OF SERVICE TO HER COMMUNITY AND THE NATION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reba Warren, a phenomenal woman, and a soror of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., on her retirement after a long and distinguished career as a senior Corporate Counsel for a Fortune 500 company.

After graduating from Howard University in 1981, Reba Warren was admitted to Duke Law School, from which she graduated in 1984.

As a corporate counsel for Reynolds, Reba Warren helped pave the way for African-American women to follow in a professional sector, in which they are woefully underrepresented.

This daughter of AKA took to heart the guidance that her fellow Howard alum, Vice-President KAMALA HARRIS, received from her mother: "You may be the first you may be the first to do many things, but make sure you're not the last."

For more than two decades, Reba Warren exhibited excellence in her professional duties and also mentored and encourage women, especially women of color, as they strove to create career paths in male-dominated environments.

A civic-minded community member, Reba Warren has served on several non-profit boards, is active in her church, and

Reba Warren currently serves as a member of the Second Harvest Food Bank to end food insecurity for Forsyth County, which is but the latest civic engagement in a lifetime of service to her community, which includes Big Brothers Big Sisters, Neighborhood Justice Center Board, Salvation Army Girls Club Committee, Crosby Scholars Community Partnership Board, Novant Health/Forsyth Medical Center Foundation Board, Jack & Jill of America, Winston Salem Chapter, Winston Salem Chapter of the Links, Incorporated, Girl Scouts of America, and the North Association of Black Lawyers.

Madam Speaker, I wish this phenomenal woman and mother of three sons well in her retirement, but I know that her ethic to serve her community will continue as we will all be better off for it.

HONORING LUCIA EMILY DOUD WALLACE OF WILLSBORO, NEW YORK ON HER 106TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor long-time Willsboro resident, Lucia Emily Doud Wallace, as she celebrates her 106th birthday on June 1, 2021.

Lucia Emily Doud was born in Malone, New York on June 1, 1915, the youngest of six children. She attended the Fine Arts College of Syracuse University where she met her future husband, Edmund Whiting Wallace. The cou-

ple were married in 1938 and spent 74 happy years together. They raised two children, Marjorie Alison Wallace, and Dr. Cynthia Day Wallace. The Wallace family has shown tremendous strength of character and perseverance through the challenges that life has thrown their way, including the deaths of Marjorie and Edmund. Through it all, Lucia remained a steadfast light in the lives of those around her.

In addition, Lucia is quite the accomplished artist. She was awarded the National Sculpture Award and studied under Lorado Taft, a renowned American sculptor. Lucia excelled at painting, sculpting, and is even an accredited national flower show judge. In her 106 years of life, Lucia's joy and wisdom have been a constant presence in her community and her artistic talent has brought much happiness to her family and friends.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to wish Lucia a very happy 106th birthday. I wish her continued health and happiness in this next year of her life.

RETIREMENT OF ESTHER L. BUSH

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Esther L. Bush, who will be retiring after 27 years as President and CEO of the Pittsburgh Urban League—one of the top-rated Urban League affiliates in the country.

A Pittsburgh native, Ms. Bush is a member of the class of 1969 from Westinghouse High School in Pittsburgh. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree in education from Morgan State University and a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Johns Hopkins University before beginning her career as a high school teacher and later a college administrator and corporate consultant.

Ms. Bush spent a total of 41 years working for the Urban League. Beginning in 1980, she worked for various Urban League branches in New York City and was President and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Hartford before returning to her hometown of Pittsburgh in 1994.

As a member of the Pennsylvania State Board of Education, she prided herself on her contributions to education and once stated that the formation of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh Charter School in 1998 was one of her greatest accomplishments as the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh's President and CEO. Her excellent work in education resulted in national recognition. In 2013, Ms. Bush was 1 of 10 Americans recognized at the White House as a Champion of Change in the Educational Excellence for African Americans program.

She also hosted the National Urban League Conference in 2013. Under her watch, the Pittsburgh Urban League Chapter also received the distinction of receiving a 5-out-of-5 top rating in its assessment from the national chapter.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional District, I want to commend Esther Bush for her contributions to Pittsburgh and the African American community. Her actions

are reflected in every life that she touched. Esther Bush should serve as an inspiration for us all. I am pleased to recognize her service to our community and wish her a happy and enjoyable retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF CORI SEILHAMER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cori Seilhamer for her dedication and drive to establish and lead the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) in Franklin County. Her work to train Law Enforcement Officers and members of the community to respond to mental health emergencies has made our community safer.

The Crisis Intervention Team's success has led to the development and implementation of the CoResponder/Community Liaison program, which pairs mental health professionals with Law Enforcement Officers and their agencies to respond directly to mental health emergencies.

As of April 2021, there have been 1,150 unique individuals who have been referred for mental health treatment and services as a result of the team's lifesaving work. The two co-responders and their law enforcement partners have been able to divert numerous arrests and court sanctions during the tenure of the co-responders. The team has linked numerous individuals with community resources and support which have helped to reduce recidivism and the need for contact with law enforcement.

The South-Central Pennsylvania CIT team has trained 225 individuals with experience ranging from law enforcement and emergency medicine to community organizers, mental health professionals, and veterans affairs employees. Cori Seilhamer's extensive experience and guidance has paved the way for other agencies and counties to start their own Crisis Intervention Teams as a response to her outstanding successes in Franklin County.

Cori's commitment and selfless service to our community has had a phenomenal impact for the residents of Franklin County. On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, I thank her for her service to our community and wish her every continued success.

HONORING THE RETURN OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN F. MIDDLESWART

HON. DARRELL ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the homecoming of United States Marine Corps Private First Class John Franklin Middleswart, who was previously pronounced deceased and unaccounted for after the attack on Pearl Harbor. On June 8, 2021, PFC Middleswart will be laid to rest in eternal peace at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego, California, witnessed by living relatives.